Alpha	Parishes of St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary Parish Office: 52 Orrell Road Bootle L20 6DZ **Priest in Residence: Fr Faustinus Ugwuanyi** Tel 0151 922 1352 Registered Charity No 1199714 4th May 2024 – 12th May 2024	Omega

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

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Saturday 4 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Mary Murney (Lately Dead)**
Sunday 5 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Doug Faulke (Birthday Remembrance)
Tuesday 7 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Ann Mardell (Birthday)

Feast of The Ascension of the Lord

Wednesday 8 May	(St Robert's)	7.00 pm	Esther and Thomas O'Shea (Remembrance)
Thursday 9 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**9.30 am**	**Fr Barry McAllister (Lately Dead)**
Friday 10 May	(St Robert's)	9.00 am	Joan Smith (Remembrance)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

Saturday 11 May	**(St Elizabeth's)**	**5.00 pm**	**Carl Jones (Remembrance)**
Sunday 12 May	(St Robert's)	11.00 am	Maureen and Henry Rimmer Remembrance)

CONFESSIONS

Confessions on Tuesday morning after mass at St Robert Bellarmine's, **OR,** at any other time by appointment – please contact the Parish Office

THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office can be contacted on 0151 922 1352 or by email strobert@rcaol.org.uk.
The Parish Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday between 9:30am and 1:30pm.
Any calls or messages outside these times will not be answered immediately, but you will receive a call back as soon as possible.

Please pray for the following who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Lately Dead:

Anniversaries: Hannah Gallagher

Birthday Remembrance: Robert Eric Shaw

Please remember the sick and those who care for them.
Hazel Dempster, Rachel Capener, Ken Williams, Alan Mercer, Colin Faulke, Robbie Pennington, Gary Ford, Kathleen Colleran, Rose Westhead, Tony Mitchell, Sheila Thompson, Alan Wain, Dougie Wain, Janet Broomfield, Anthony Ward, Frances Williamson, Harriet Lawler, Roy Maloney, Paul James, Ann Barnes, Carol Barnes, Ged Barnes, Ellen Carragher, Ed Schofield, Wendi Warner, John Mitchell, Joe Mitchell

To be included on the sick list please, write down names and post them in the presbytery letter box, or email the Parish Office – strobert@rcaol.org.uk
Please make the person aware, as they may not want their name published.

SEEING YOURSELF THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPEL
John 15: 9-17

1. A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved.
Recall times when you received gestures of love from another – a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; word of comfort and affirmation – not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved.
What effect did it have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

2. Often love and friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort.
Also, in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you?

3. 'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus and commissioned to bear fruit through our love?

John Byrne OSA

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Thursday 9th May is the Feast of The Ascension of the Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The first mass for the Feast Day will be on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm in St Robert's.

There will be mass at 9.30 am on Thursday at St Elizabeth's.

There will be mass at 12.00 noon at English Martyrs.

ALTAR SERVERS

Are you, or is your child, in Year 4 or above and would like to become an Altar Server at either Parish.

We are hoping to welcome some young people to train in this important ministry in our parishes.

Please speak to Fr Faustinus or Christine for more details and to register your interest.

CONFIRMATION 2024

Over the next few weeks, we will be welcoming our confirmation candidates to mass as they prepare to receive the sacrament during June.
Please keep them in your prayers.

Catholic Pic

The April issue of the Catholic Pic is now available at the back of church.

You can view it online at;
https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_may_2024

"Renew Your Spirit: A Day of Charismatic Renewal"

On Saturday 11 May from 10am – 4pm at The Irenaeus Centre, Great Georges Road, L22 1RD.

Join Irenaeus for a day of renewal as we invite the Holy Spirit to work among us and enlighten us.

Guest speaker: Michelle Moran.

This event is open to everyone, whether you're new to Charismatic Renewal or have been involved in the past.
For more information and to register, please contact Moira at moira@ireaneus.co.uk or see the poster at the back of church.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love,
Hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.
Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence.
Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness,
make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.
May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.
We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed.
Amen

COFFEE MORNING

Join us after mass at St Robert's on Sunday mornings for a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit in the George Inch Hall. All are welcome.



St Robert Bellarmine and St Elizabeth of Hungary Pray for Us



During this time while some are unable to receive the Eucharist at Mass, you may like to use a prayer of spiritual communion.

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
And unite myself wholly to You.
I love you, my Jesus:
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND MASS OFFERINGS

Many thanks to all those who have been passing their Offertory envelopes to Church, and to those who have set up a standing order or donated online.

The Archdiocese have set up two online ways to enable you to make your donation. I have provided details for both methods on this page. Thank you to those who donate in this way.

Online and Text Giving

Online Giving – Please choose the correct Parish.

The Archdiocesan online giving website can be used for both one-off and regular monthly donations.
To make donations directly to St Robert's, follow the link;

https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-robert-bellarmine-litherland

To donate directly to St Elizabeth's follow the link
https://donate.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/st-elizabeth-litherland

Donations may be made by standing order, as a one-off donation, or as a regular weekly donation. Please don't forget to tick the gift aid box if you are a UK taxpayer as this will boost your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself.

Text Giving – Please text the correct Parish

Text giving is also available, and the details below are ready to use for accepting both one-off and regular donations. Four text giving campaigns have been created for each parish. The details of each campaign are given below.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70085 to donate £2. Texts cost £2 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £2 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70085.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70450 to donate £3. Texts cost £3 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £3 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70450.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70460 to donate £5. Texts cost £5 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £5 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70460.

Text ***STROBERT or STELIZABETH*** to 70470 to donate £10. Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text ***STROBERTNOINFO or STELIZABETHNOINFO*** to 70470.